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FM AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

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AMCONSUL LAHORE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SCUL, PK

SUBJ: TRACK AND FIELD TEAM

REF: ISLAMABAD 8118

1. FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH GOP MOE, EMBASSY INFORMED
GOP INTENDS SCHEDULE TRACK FIELD TEAM PROGRAM LAHORE RATHER
THAN KARACHI AS EARLIER PLANNED. DECISION TAKEN, THEY SAID,
BECAUSE LAHORE'S CENTRAL LOCATION AND BETTER TRAINING FACILITIES.

2. PAKISTAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC FEDERATION REQUESTS THAT
INASMUCH THEY PAYING FOR LODGING AND BOARDING EXPENSES OF
OTHER ATHLETES THEY ARE INVITING, USG DO SAME FOR ITS ATHLETES.
A SUGGESTION THAT AMERICANS STAY WITH PAKISTANI ATHLETES IN A
SPORTS TRUST HOSTEL WAS NOT FELT BY MINISTRY OFFICIALS TO BE
DESIRABLE FOR HEALTH REASONS. EMBASSY FIRMLY CONCURS AND
RECOMMENDS THAT USG PROVIDE ADEQUATE PERDIEM FOR GROUP
STAY INTERCONTINENTAL WHERE FACILITIES COMPARABLE TO US STANDARDS
SO THAT PHYSICAL WELL-BEING ATHLETES WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.
ADDITIONALLY, AITCHISON COLLEGE, WHERE PROGRAM NOW BEING
HELD, IS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE HOTEL.

3. FEDERATION HAS ALSO REQUESTED THAT GROUP BRING WITH
IT ANY AV MATERIALS, SUCH AS TRAINING BOOKS, FILMS, IT MAY
HAVE AND, IF POSSIBLE, FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT: FOUR STEEL
JAVELINS: FOUR DISCUSES: AND SIX RELAY BATONS.

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4. NEW GROUP ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. NOVEMBER 7: GROUP ARRIVES PESHAWAR FROM KABUL
AND WILL TRAVEL TO LAHORE AFTER A BRIEF STOP IN ISLAMABAD:
B. NOVEMBER 8-22: CLINICS IN LAHORE:
C. NOVEMBER 23: VISIT OFFICES AND SPORTS COMPLEX
NATIONAL SPORTS TRUST, KARACHI. DEPART FOR CAIRO.

5. IF THE GROUP WISHES SPECIAL TRIPS OR TOURS TO HISTORIC
PLACES, FEDERATION WOULD LIKE TO KNOW SO THAT THEY CAN BE
INCLUDED IN ITINERARY.

ADVISE ASAP.
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